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## PLANNING CONTINUES FOR "MARCH ON INDIANAPOLIS"

INDIANAPOLIS—State Sen. Earline Rogers (D-Gary), State Reps. Vernon G. Smith and Charlie Brown (both D-Gary), as well as Fourth District City Councilwoman Carolyn Rogers are making the final preparations for the "March on Indianapolis" on Monday, Sept. 12.

The Gary leaders said they are hopeful to get accurate numbers of participants by Friday, so they can have enough buses available for the caravan to Indianapolis to protest the closing of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) branch in Gary. Dr. Smith can be contacted at his office at 980-7120 or at his home at 887-2046. One also can contact LaLosa Burns at 881-1314 or Carolyn Rogers at 881-1315. Donations gratefully will be accepted to help defray the costs of the buses.

"We encourage participation by everyone, because everyone in Gary is affected by the closing of the BMV branch," said Dr. Smith. "We will have luxury buses for the elderly and those without transportation, area churches are coming forward to donate the use of their vans, and several people are going to carpool in the caravan. It is important for people speak up. If we don't, then I am confident the Daniels administration will continue to cut state services to our community.

"The 'March on Indianapolis' is a call to action," emphasized Dr. Smith. "As The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.' On Monday, all of us must stand together in Indianapolis during this time of 'challenge and controversy,' so we can fight the good fight and preserve the rights of the citizens of Gary."

The Gary Citizen Caravan will assemble at 8 a.m. at the Gary Southshore Rail Cats' stadium parking lot, just off I-90 in downtown Gary. The Statehouse demonstration is scheduled for noon.

